

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SOUTHERN DIVISION  
Civil Action No. 7:14-cv-00209-FL

JENNIFER C. STRINGFIELD,	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	ORDER
vs.	)	
	)	
ANDREW M. SAUL,	)	
Commissioner of	)	
Social Security,	)	
Defendant.	)	
_____	)	

Plaintiff's counsel filed a motion for approval of attorney's fees under section 206(b) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 406(b), in the amount of \$15,483.38. Attorney's fees under section 206(b) are paid from past-due benefits awarded to a successful claimant. 42 U.S.C. § 406(b). Plaintiff has previously been awarded attorney's fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412, in the amount of \$5,750.00 (ECF No. 31).

Defendant filed a response, stating that under *Gisbrecht v. Barnhart*, 535 U.S. 789 (2002), it is the duty of the Court to determine a reasonable fee.

It is ORDERED that Plaintiff's counsel be awarded fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b) in the amount of \$15,483.38, and refund to Plaintiff the smaller award between this amount and the EAJA award.

SO ORDERED, this 26th day of August, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Louise W. Flanagan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first letter "L" is large and loops around the first part of the name. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

LOUISE W. FLANAGAN  
United States District Judge